

ed from sale or entry at any of the land offices of this State.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress with a copy of this joint resolution, also a copy of the joint resolution and memorial passed at the last extra session of the Legislature, and approved July the 12th, 1856. Sec'y forward.

Approved Dec. 18, 1856.

NUMBER 4.

CUSTOM HOUSE AND HOSPITAL.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to the establishment of a Custom-house and Marine Hospital in the city of Keokuk.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators in Congress be instructed and our Representatives requested to use all proper means to secure the establishment by the General Government of a custom-house and marine hospital in the city of Keokuk, and such appropriations for the construction thereof as may ensure their early completion. Procure appropriation.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be required to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a duly certified copy of these resolutions. Sec'y forward.

Approved January 8, 1857.

NUMBER 5.

STATE BOUNDARIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION to Congress, asking the enlargement of the boundaries of the State of Iowa.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence to procure the Annexation.

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annexation of all that portion of land lying west of the Big Sioux river and west of the State of Iowa, which shall be embraced within the bounds by running the north line of the State of Iowa, due west to the Missouri river, and that copies of this memorial be forwarded without delay to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress of the United States by the Secretary of State.

Approved January 8, 1857.

NUMBER 6.

KANSAS.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS and instructions to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, in relation to slavery and the admission of Kansas into the Union.

Preamble.

Whereas, under the Constitution of the United States, freedom is national and slavery sectional; and believing that the peace, welfare and honor of the country imperiously require that our national domain shall be preserved free for free homes, for free men; and believing it to have been the policy of our fathers, dictated by reason and exalted patriotism, to inhibit the extension of slavery, and make freedom the law of our national progress, therefore,

Opposed to extension of slavery.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That we are unqualifiedly opposed to the further extension of slavery, within the jurisdiction, or by the sanction of the General Government, and insist that Congress shall exert all constitutional power to preserve our national territory free.

Instructions.

Resolved, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to exert their influence, and vote for the admission of Kansas into the Union as a free State, and to oppose its admission with a constitution establishing or tolerating slavery.

Approved January 8, 1857.